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Jack O'Lantern

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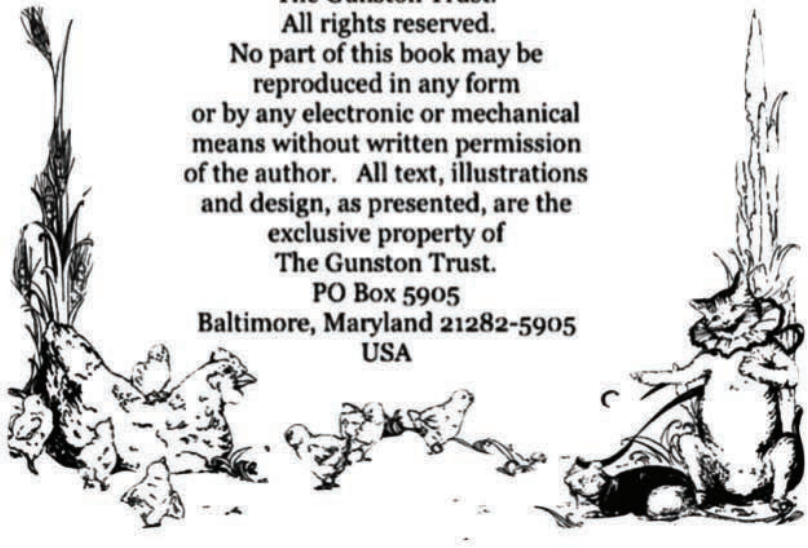

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T was a cold dark
night I'm thinking,

When Jack such a miserable
bloke,

Tricked the Devil himself

up an old apple tree,

Placing crosses around

for a joke.

Jack O'Lantern

F

or A Devil

cannot touch a cross.

So you see,

he could never escape.

He and Jack made a deal,

that Jack's soul he'd not steal.

Jack was happy

and smug with his fate.

Jack O'Lantern

Such a cranky old man was Jack,

And one night he finally died.

At the big pearly gates,

Saint Peter said,

"You're too late."

And refused this mean sinner inside.

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So Jack made his way down
below, Where the flames
and the fires were hot.
But the Devil denied. . .
to let Jack inside.
In the dark
Jack must wander and rot!

Jack O'Lantern

For Jack had

forgotten his fate,

Promised back at the old apple tree.

Where they BOTH made a deal,

that Jack's soul he'd not steal,

And in Hell Jack never would be.

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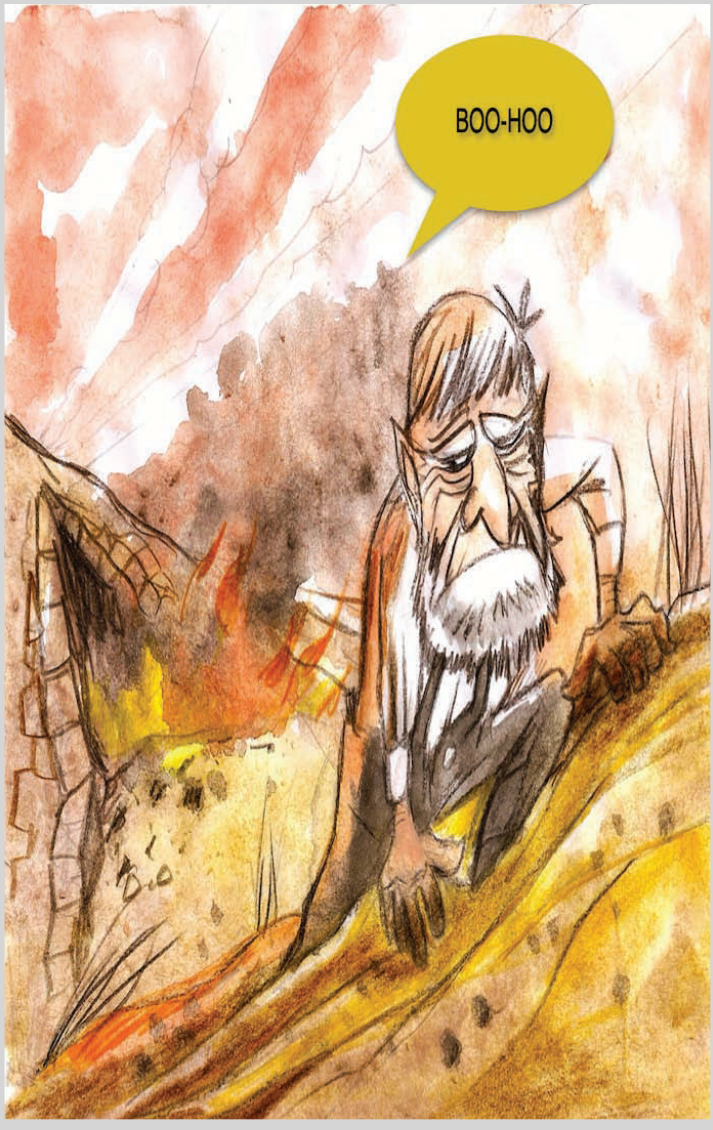

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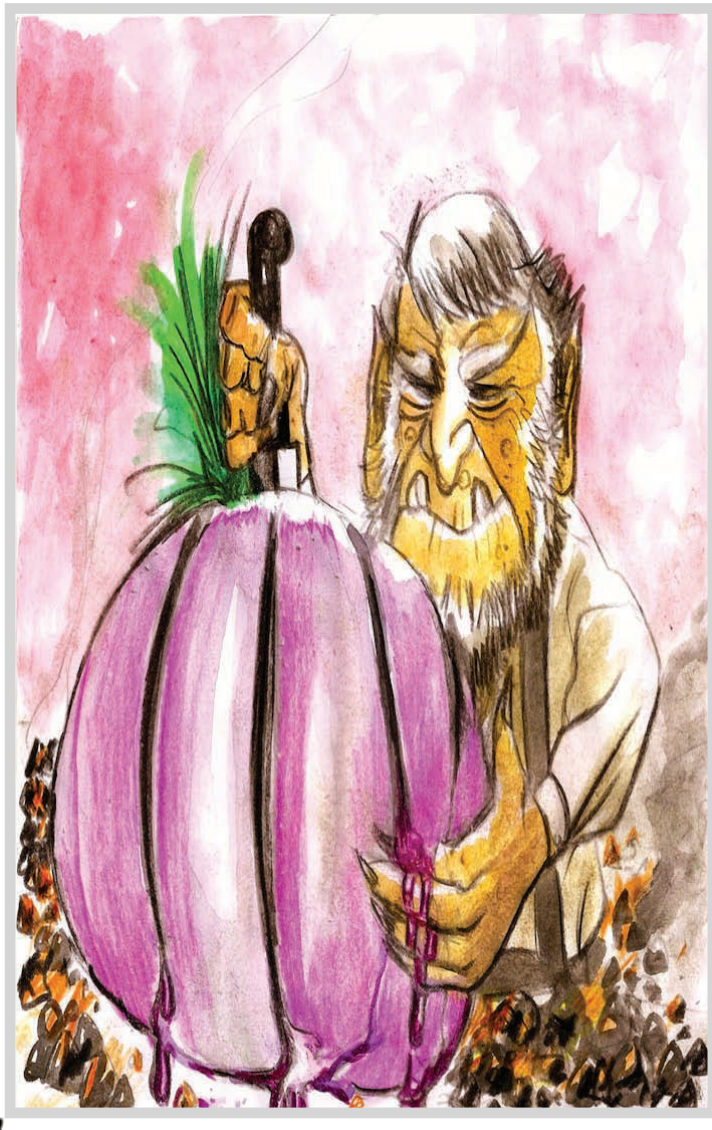
So old rotted, miserable Jack,

Said, "But how am I ever to see,

Netherworld's without light,

I'm afraid of dark nights.

What's to ever become of poor me?"



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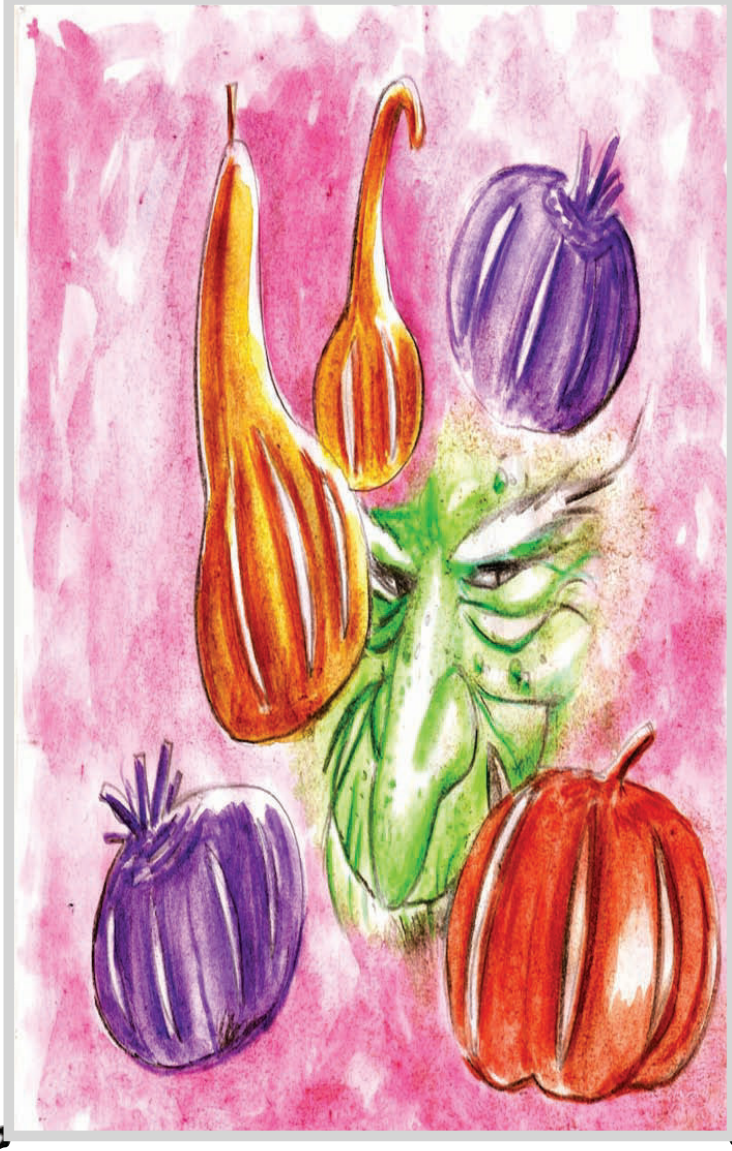
But Satan just snickered
and sneered,
Hot embers he tossed from below,
From a turnip old Jack
Carved a lantern to see
And must wander the earth
in its' glow...

Jack O'Lantern

Unwelcome in heaven
and hell
Poor Old Jack can never go home,
He wards off the dead spirits
With hot embers of coal,
Jack's eternally doomed to roam.



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A turnip, a pumpkin or gourd,

From Jack's lantern

his light shines at night.

Beware of Old Jack,

on All Hollows Eve.

Jack O'Lantern's a mean

scary sight!

Jack O'Lantern

Poor Jack wanders alone

in the dark

Especially on each Halloween . . .

With the goblins and ghouls,

but don't you be a fool,

Make sure that your light

can be seen!

Jack O'Lantern

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Remember

on All Hollows Eve,

Don't forget

to wear your disguise,

With your bucket for treats
along with your light,
You can hide right in front
of his eyes!

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern

Should you happen
to see Jack's light,
Or you hear his cries
or his moans,
If you carry your lantern
on Halloween night, then
Jack's sure to leave you
alone.

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern

The lanterns can be
any size,
And any design will do.
Through the holes
shines your light
on Halloween night,
Make sure they are
scary ones too.

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THE END

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HALLOWEEN

In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remains popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and a secular celebration

Halloween activities include carving pumpkins into Jack O'Lanterns where a candle or light is placed inside to show the scary face.and frighten away the bad spirits. Children dress in costumes and attend parties. Bobbing for apples, playing pranks, visiting haunted Houses, telling scary stories and watching horror films.

Whatever you do, be safe and have fun with friends and family.

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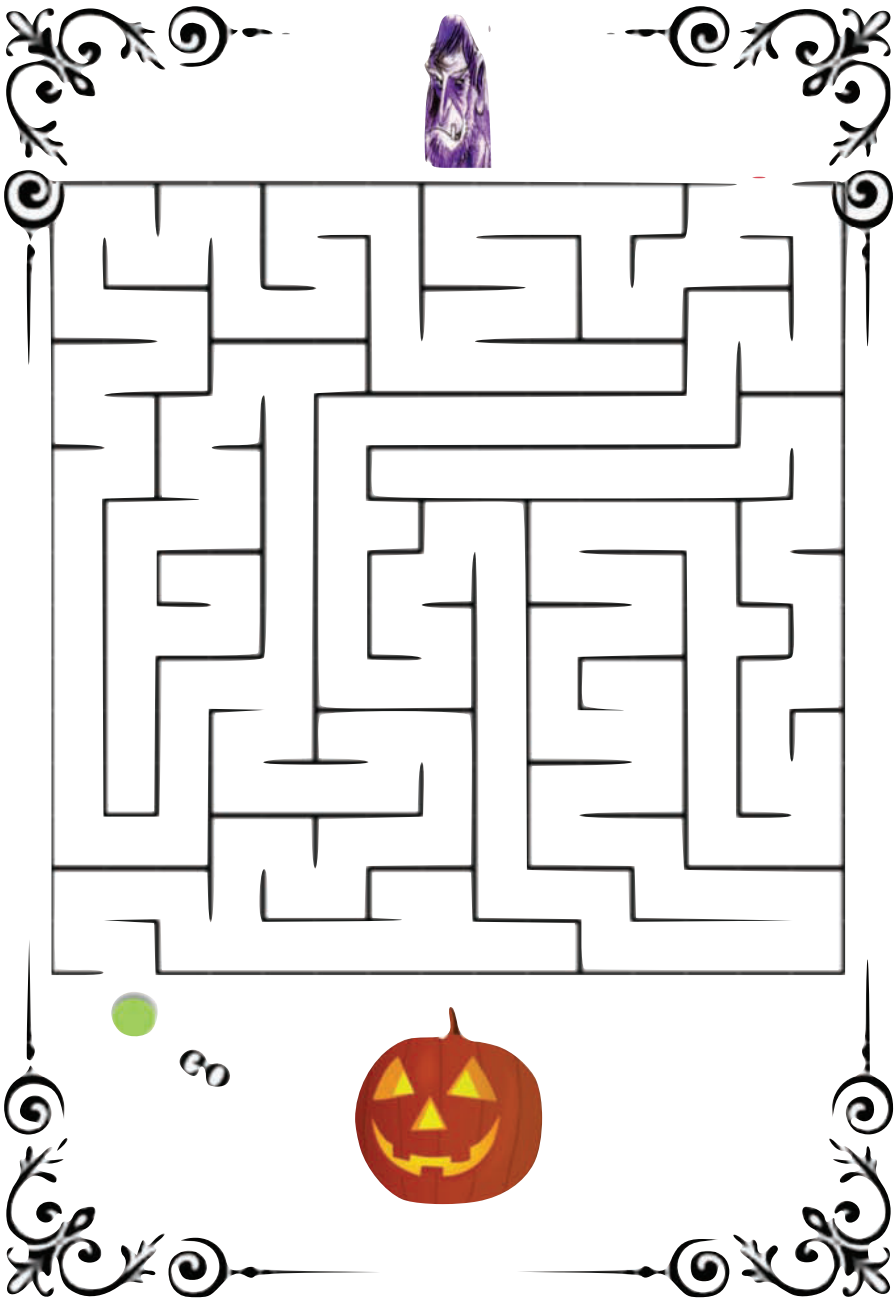

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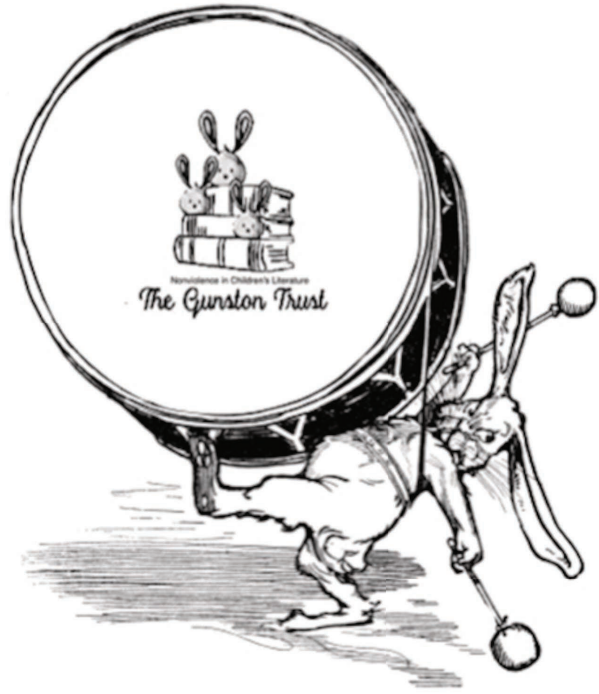

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